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LIFE UNDER COMMUNISM SUBJECT OF REPUBLICAN CLUB PROGRAM

Two La Canada Flintridge residents, Nancy Maclean and Chang Hung Yu will be the featured speakers at the monthly meeting of the La Canada Flintridge Republican Club to be held this month on Monday evening May 21st at the home of Jack and Barbara Dawson. Both women grew up under Communism before migrating to the United States. Nancy Maclean grew up in the former Yugoslavia and Ms. Yu in mainland China. Both attended college in the US and went on to become successful managers.

Chang was born in the late 1950s in midst of the golden age of Chinese communism, and was raised during the Cultural Revolution, when that communist ideal began to crumble. From a young age she learned to be part of the communist family. The role of young people was to be the metaphorical construction worker in laying down the bricks of support upon a new societal structure. The ideal of building a brand new society under Chairman Mao*s thought was defeated as the economy bankrupted in late 70s. In 1981, Chang came to northern California to build her American Dream. She graduated from University of Utah with a B.S. in Computer Science and M.S. in Medical Informatics. She has been a resident of La Canada Flintridge since 1992 and she is employed in a management role by the Department of Health Services of Los Angeles County.

Nancy Maclean was born in Croatia (former Yugoslavian republic); and immigrated to the Los Angeles area. She subsequently received her US citizenship in 1976. After receiving a BS and MS degrees in Quality Assurance, she worked in the Quality Assurance field for 25-years and recently retired from Mattel Inc. in El Segundo, as a World Wide Director of Quality. Prior to working at Mattel, Nancy served in a similar management position at Avery Dennison Corporation in Pasadena and other locations. Nancy was appointed to the board of the La Canada Flintridge Republican club earlier this year and is currently serving as a director with responsibility for public outreach. She is the club's webmaster.

In a departure from its regular meeting routine, this month's meeting will be held on Monday, May 21st for members and guests at the home of newly appointed board member Jack Dawson at 5278 La Canada Boulevard at 6:30 P.M. An Italian dinner will be provided by the club. Reservations are required for this special meeting and can be obtained by contacting Hospitality Chairperson Sandra Richardson at (818) 790-1326. The meeting is for members, their guests and prospective members.

